have been sanctioned Samman pension. However, about 830 applications received through the State Governments with their verification reports during the aforesaid period, including those from freedom fighters who are being given Samman pension by State Government, could not be finalized for want of additional information/clarification/documentation from the State Governments/applicants, 430 of these applications relate to Goa Liberation Movement Phase II.

(c) The freedom fighters of the States of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Haryana, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh, who participated in Goa Liberation Movement Phase II, are being given Samman pension by the Central Government.

Human trafficking

†1698. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of human trafficking that have come-to light in the year 2007 since January so far and the number of Indians who were liberated with the help of United Nations and the number of children therein;

(b) the number of people found responsible for human trafficking and the action taken against them; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to stop human trafficking?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) As per the statistics compiled by the National Crime Record Bureau, the provisional number of cases registered under Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, from January, 2007 to the latest month for which data is available, is 2319. Information about the number of Indians liberated with the help of United Nations is not compiled.

(b) As per the statistics compiled by the National Crime Record Bureau, the number of persons arrested, persons charge-sheeted and persons convicted under Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956, during the years 2004, 2005 & 2006 (Provisional) were as given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) The Union Government is taking several measures, in concert with the State Governments for prevention and control of the crime of trafficking as well as measures for rehabilitation of victims. The Union Government has advised all the State Governments to deal with the crime of trafficking in a holistic manner and to evolve an effective and comprehensive strategy encompassing rescue, relief and rehabilitation of victims besides taking deterrent action against the law violators. The Ministry of Home Affairs has set up a Nodal Cell to coordinate matters relating to trafficking in human beings between the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and other related Ministries etc. and organize co-ordination meetings to review and sensitize Police Officers of the States/ Union Territories on the subject. A Central Advisory Committee (CAC) on implementation of Immoral Trafficking (Prevention) Act is functioning at Central level in the Ministry of Women & Child Development, which is represented by States as well as Central Organizations and NGOs etc.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) is organizing regional anti-trafficking workshops for sensitizing police personnel towards the safety and security of women. Several workshops have been held in various cities till date. The Bureau of Police Research and Development (BPR&D) has also prepared a training manual on "Human Trafficking Handbook for Investigators" for use in the Police Training Institutes.

Statement

The statistics of the number of persons arrested (PAR), persons chargesheeted (PCS) and persons convicted (PCV) under Immoral Trafficking (Prevention) Act, 1956 during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 complied by National Crime Record Bureau (NCRB).

	2004			2005			2006		
	PAR	PCS	PCV	PAR	PCS	PCV	PAR	PCS	PCV
Total	11428	11465	6371	12665	12259	7075	11783	11087	5201

Suicides due to dowry

1699. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) number of cases (FIRs) registered, pertaining to suicides of women on account of harassment due to demand of dowry, during the last five years and till date; year-wise and State-wise; and their disposal;

(b) what conclusion Government draw regarding overall dowry suicides scenario in the country in the light of above statistics; and

(c) what measures Government are taking to check this evil?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MANIKRAO GAVIT): (a) National Crime Records Bureau does not maintain data on number of cases registered pertaining to suicides of women on account of harassment due to demand of dowry. However, State/UT-wise number of cases of suicides by females due to Dowry dispute during 2002-2006 are given in Statement (*See* below).

(b) A total of 2378, 2347, 2585, 2305 and 2276 female suicides due to dowry dispute were reported in the country during 2002-2006 respectively, thereby showing a mixed trend.

(c) Under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution, 'Police' and 'Public Order' are State subjects. Hence the primary responsibility of prevention, detection, registration, investigation and prosecution of crimes, including crime against women lies with the State Governments. However, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), from time to time has been issuing advisories to all the State Governments and UT Administrations to give more focused attention to the administration of criminal justice system with emphasis on prevention and control of crimes, especially against women. In the advisory dated 27th October, 2004, all State Goverments and U.T. Administration were requested to taken action on the